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Given by one that had a Great Command in the Swediſh Army in that ſame Action.

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WE cannot but with a due acknowledgment rehearſe the many favours wherewith God hath been pleaſed to bleſs his Majeſties Arms againſt the King of *Denmark* in his Unjuſt War, and inform you briefly of the great advantage, which we but newly and in a ſhort time have had over our Enemy, as well at the Siege of *Malmoo*, where he

loſt two Major Generals; as the L[illegible] *Bilbo*, five Colonels, as *Buſh*, *Kelli[illegible]*, *Meldrow*, and *Ramſtedt*; many Lieutenant Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and other Under-Officers, whoſe Names we do not know, and near five thouſand Common Souldiers; the Regiments of Prince *Georges*, Major General *Weybers*, *Walters*, *Grandvilliers*, *Tecklenberghs*, *Shonberghs*, *Schulenburghs*, and *Baudiz*, being totally ruined: As alſo laſt Saturday, which was the fourteenth of this inſtant, in a Ranged Battle, where the King of *Denmark* promiſed unto himſelf no leſs advantage than he did a little before at the beginning of the Siege of *Malmoo*. For whereas the King our Maſter, at the approach of the King of *Denmark*'s Forces, which were reputed by themſelves to conſiſt of Twenty thouſand Men, was obliged to leave the Station he kept at *Runneberga*, and to march nearer up to the old limits of *Sweden*, there to receive thoſe Forces which the Winter-time over had quartered in *Sweden* it ſelf, and to take his Station at *Herreſwedo* Cloyſter. The King of *Denmark* reſolved to lay hold on ſuch an occaſion, with an aſſurance of the taking not only of *Malmoo*, but alſo of *Helſenbourgh*, e're and before our Army ſhould be in a condition to oppoſe him: But meeting with a quite other Entertainment at *Malmoo* than he did expect, he was forced to leave that Deſign, and to retire to *Lands-Croon*; where he recruited himſelf with freſh Forces out of *Zeland*, and made up an Army of Fifteen thouſand Men. In the mean while

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was our King wanting in nothing to collect his Forces, which for want of Fourage came in but ſlowly; the Spring advancing in *Schonen* almoſt a month ſooner than in *Sweden*; yet at length fearing to loſe an opportunity to fight an Enemy ſo much dejected by the ſad loſſes he had received at *Malmoo*, and having brought an Army together of Eight thouſand Men, he reſolved to march directly towards the Enemy, and to ſee how he might engage him; leaving Orders for the remainder to haſten their march: But coming near *Tyrup*, he found the Enemy there encamped in a very advantageous place; notwithſtanding which, His Majeſty attacked him, ſtanding in a ranged Battel about *Sneekeping*, where both Armies came to a full Combate about Eight a Clock in the Morning, and ſo ſtill continued in a hard and an obſtinate Fight till Five a Clock in the Evening, at which time, by Gods aſſiſtance the Enemy was forced to quit the Field; leaving behind him all his Foot, and Artillery, conſiſting in Thirty two Braſs-pieces and one Morter-piece; and ſo retreated in a great confuſion under the Cannon of *Lands-Croon*. Our King himſelf in Perſon Commanded and Led on the Right Wing, againſt the left Wing of the Enemy, Commanded by *Arenſdorff*; which after a brisk and ſharp Fight, he brought into an utter confuſion: But again on the other ſide, our left Wing Commanded by Field-Marſhal *Helmfeld*, was hard put to it, inſomuch that if the Foot, which in our ſaid left Wing was ranged amongſt the Cavalry, and was led on by ... or General *Sperling*,

King, had not fought and behaved themselves so valiantly as they did, all had gone to rack; for when a part of the Cavalry was at the first attack'd the great and famous Commander Field-Marshal *Helmfeld* was killed, and Major General *Shouleben* sore wounded and taken Prisoner, Collonel *Drake* and his Collonel Lieutenant, with divers other stout Cavalliers; as Lieutenant Collonel *Gans* and others, fell dead upon the place, in so much that things had but a sad aspect, whilst a part of the Danish left Wing, which as yet was remaining, fell likewise upon our left Wing, and brought the same into disorder; but Major General *Sperling* being at that instant seconded by Lieutenant General *Schultz*, with some Battalions of Foot, and a part of Cavalry, the Fight was renewed with a great deal more of rigor and vehemency than it had been before, till the Enemy at last, after two vigorous attacks, and the approach of our valiant King, by the Divine help and assistance, was forced to give ground and betake themselves to their heels. We have got this Victory at some hard rate, for besides the above-mentioned, Collonel *Kock* is wounded and taken prisoner, Collonel *Post* mortally wounded, and divers other brave Officers slain and wounded; of the Common Soldiers are about One Thousand killed, wounded, and missed. We do not know as yet the particulars of the Enemies loss: Major General *Walter* is killed, and his Corps was fetch'd off this day by the Enemy; Major General *Rumor* is taken Prisoner by us, besides divers other Officers,

Officers; of the Common Soldiers of the Enemy, are only ſome hundreds taken, but by the number of the ſlain, it is found that all their Foot was totally ruined; inſomuch that of Twenty two Battalions of the Germans which came into the Fight, no more than Three Battalions eſcaped; of all which we have been eye-witneſſes. God Almighty be praiſed for ever, who hath fought for us and preſerved our Gracious and Valorous King, who was often and too much engaged amongſt the thickeſt croud of the Enemy, and had his beſt Horſe kill'd under him. I have alſo for my part great reaſon to tender my thanks to God, who in this hard and dangerous Engagement hath ſo far preſerved me, that neither my ſelf nor any of my Servants or Horſes have got the leaſt harm. His Majeſty intends by the help of God to morrow Morning betimes; to go with the Army towards *Lands-Croona*, and endeavour to ſhut the Enemy cloſe up, to the end that we may have the enjoyment of the Country with ſome ſecurity. The Enemy was reputed to be ſtrong about Fifteen Thouſand Men; we were on our ſide about Eight Thouſand, and if we had had time to ſtay for the Three thouſand five hundred Men, whom we within two or three days do expect; the Diſpute had not been ſo difficult for us.

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